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**MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY SHOT LIBYAN FEARS BETRAYING COLLEAGUES**

FORT COLLINS, COLO. (UPI) -- A FORMER GREEN BERET ACCUSED OF SHOOTING A LIBYAN DISSIDENT IS RELUCTANT TO TESTIFY AT HIS TRIAL BECAUSE HE FEARS HE WOULD BETRAY COLLEAGUES WHO MAY BE WORKING FOR THE CIA, IT WAS REPORTED SATURDAY.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, QUOTING AN UNNAMED "CLOSE" ASSOCIATE OF DEFENDANT EUGENE ALOYS TAFOYA OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M., SAID TAFOYA IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE STAND IN HIS TRIAL.

TAFOYA, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IS AFRAID OF BETRAYING COLLEAGUES ON SECRET MISSIONS, SOME OF WHOM HE BELIEVED WERE BACKED BY THE CIA.

TAFOYA IS CHARGED WITH SHOOTING COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT FRISAL ZAGALLAI OCT. 14, 1980. TAFOYA'S ATTORNEY, WALTER GERASH, IS ARGUING HIS CLIENT SHOT ZAGALLAI IN SELF DEFENSE.

JURY SELECTION WAS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN THE CASE MONDAY IN LARIMER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

PROSECUTORS ALLEGUE TAFOYA WAS CONNECTED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF RETIRED SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL WORKING IN LIBYA FOR FORMER CIA AGENT EDWIN P. NILSON.

TAFOYA HAS SAID HE WENT TO ZAGALLAI'S DOOR IN FORT COLLINS LAST OCTOBER TO DELIVER A CIA WARNING THAT HE "TONE DOWN" ANTI-ZIONIST BROADCASTS HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY MAKING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE DEFENSE ARGUES THAT ZAGALLAI BECAME ENRAGED, REACHED FOR A GUN AND TAFOYA SHOT HIM.

ALTHOUGH ZAGALLAI RECOVERED FROM THE ATTACK, HE WAS BLINDED IN ONE EYE.

DURING JURY SELECTION, GERASH ASKED PROSPECTIVE JURORS WHETHER THEY HAD READ SPY OR MYSTERY NOVELS. WHEN ONE SAID HE HAD READ "THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD," GERASH DECLARED HE HAD DISCOVERED THE "PERFECT JUROR."

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